

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An optical element molded between a first die and a second die which are jointed along a partition line, comprises a first optical surface on which a diffractive structure is provided; a second optical surface being a refractive surface opposite to the first optical surface; and a flange having a flange surface provided around a periphery of the optical element, a first edge portion of the flange surface adjoining to the first optical surface and a second edge portion of the flange surface adjoining to the second optical surface. The second edge portion is positioned at the partition line between the first die and the second die.